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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application
No. PCT/JP02/00047 filed on January 9, 2002.

Inventor(s): TSUTSUMI, Takeo and MIURA, Keigo

For: CIGARETTE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Eleven (11) pages
- ☐ () sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/00047 filed on January 9, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

--This application is a Continuation of copending PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/00047 filed on January 9, 2002, which was published in Japanese and which designated the United States, and on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

☒ Priority of Application No. 2001-006763 filed in JAPAN on January 15, 2001 is claimed under U.S.C. § 119.

☐ Other:

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):


<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
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A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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